



PRESIDENTIAL MEMORIAL CERTIFICATES

This program was initiated in March 1962 by President John F. Kennedy to honor the memory of honorably discharged/deceased veterans, and has been continued by all subsequent Presidents.

The United States Department of Veterans Affairs administers the program by preparing an engraved paper certificate which bears the current President's signature to express the country's grateful recognition of the veteran's service in the United States Armed Forces.

Eligible recipients include the next of kin and loved ones of honorably discharged deceased Veterans. More than one certificate may be provided. Eligible recipients, or someone acting on their behalf, may apply for a Presidential Memorial Certificate in person at any VA regional office, by U.S. mail, or toll-free fax (1-800-455-1743. Follow on-line instructions). Requests cannot be sent via email. Please be sure to enclose a copy of the Veteran's discharge and death certificate to verify eligibility, as they cannot process any request without proof of honorable military service. Please submit copies only, as they will not return original documents.

If you would like to apply for a Presidential Memorial Certificate, or if you have already requested one more than sixteen (16) weeks ago and have not received it yet, please call 1-202-565-4964 to find out the status of your request. Please do not send a second application unless they request you to do so. Additionally, they do not administer to other VA programs and they do not have access to military documents or records.

Requests for additional, replacement, or corrected certificates may be made through the local Veterans Administration Regional Office or by writing to the Director, Office of Memorial Programs, National Cemetery System, U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs, 810 Vermont Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20420. The toll free number for Veterans Affairs is 1-800-827-1000 and the website address is:

<http://www.cem.VA.gov/pmc.asp>

VA Form 40-0247 Application for Presidential Memorial Certificate:

<http://www.va.gov/vaforms/va/pdf/VA40-0247.pdf>